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## IT IS COMING DOWN THAT HURTS

Interest in the abnormally large imports of gold should not center in Wall street alone, nor in the private offices of bankers, large or small. The humblest business man, the proprietor of the smallest factory, the laborer who has been rejoicing over the increased wage he has received in recent months, are all affected by the gold movement and should feel an interest in the situation.

Since the war began, we have made net imports of gold to the amount of nearly \$718,000,000, due to the great export trade resulting from the war in Europe. That gold has formed the basis for immense credits, producing an expansion of business and investment, a rush of speculation and a boom in prices. That is all right as long as it lasts. Inflation hurts nobody. Going up in a balloon or an air ship is perfectly harmless. It is the coming down that has its perils. Contraction that is certain to follow the inflation may be without harm, but it has its dangers.

Of course nobody knows when the contraction will begin. The war may last for years. Even when the war does end, there is a possibility that no radical change in our financial status will result. But all the probabilities are against that assumption. All the reports and indications from Europe lead to the conviction that a trade war will follow the military war—that both the allies and the central powers will be ready immediately or in a very short time to dump cheap products on our markets. Certain it is that they will cease to be such extensive buyers from us. Such a change will necessarily mean an outflow of gold, a contraction of credits, reduction of prices and a reversal of speculation.

The whole question is whether we shall, like the successful aviator, glide smoothly down to earth again; or go tumbling headlong to financial wreck and industrial ruin. The outcome depends upon the preparations and precautions taken to make our machinery sound and keep it in working order. In this each man who transacts business, however great or small, has his due share of responsibility. Don't go up like a rocket unless you are willing to come down like a stick.

## MILITARY CONSCRIPTION

The Australian vote on the question of military conscription is illuminating. It is said to have been the first time in the history of the world that this issue was submitted to the deliberate choice of a nation. The vote may be regarded as conclusive, for there is no freer nation in the world than Australia. It has universal suffrage for both men and women, and few citizens of either sex shirk their electoral duties. It means much, therefore, that Australia has voted by a decisive majority against conscription.

The fact is substantial that the nation is not dodging military service. It is playing its part manfully in the European war. It has up to the present time furnished one soldier to every fifteen inhabitants—a ratio which, in the United States, would give us an army of 7,000,000—and is still sending a steady stream of recruits. The Australians are willing to fight, it is claimed. But like all really free people, they prefer to fight voluntarily.

Virtual conscription has been adopted by England, but not by such a popular referendum as the Australian election. France has for some years had universal compulsory service, but France faced a constant peril at her very door, and was driven to take this stand by new threads of aggression; and even then, conscription might have failed if the issue had been referred to the whole population.

There are advocates of conscription in the United States. The experience of Australia should be a warning to them. If that Democratic nation, even at a time when the life of the empire to which it belongs hangs in the balance and when it is exerting every ounce of energy to win, refuses to bind its individual citizens to inevitable military service, it is not difficult to see what the American answer would be.

At the time when our national life was at stake, in the Civil War conscription was resisted, and in practice it failed. Now, with so many women voting and the rest apparently soon to wield the ballot there is little danger of our slipping into such a militaristic policy. Lexington Leader.

## COTTON VS. WHEAT

The song which the Wilson-Gompers-Fitzgerald embargo proposal has started continues to fester. A western Congressman states that if the Administration tries to put anything like that across he is going to waltz an amendment into the House to embargo raw cotton, and if he is downed there he is going to carry the fight to the Senate. The effect of any such proposition on the Thunderer from Georgia Senator Hoke Smith, can be better imagined than described. About a year ago Hoke grabbed your Uncle Samuel by the coat-tails and tried to drag him into the European war because England had held up a few bales of Dixie's upland down, but when the Lusitania was sent to Davy Jones' locker and the corpses of American infants strewn the British coast, the Senator from Georgia was singularly apathetic. This led Senator Lodge to level a shaft at Smith which frizzled the Georgian's marrow. Said Lodge: "The body of an innocent child floating dead on the water, the victim of the destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me a more poignant and a more tragic spectacle than an unsold bale of cotton."

Northern and western Congressmen can see no good reason why their wheat should have a presidential injunction laid on it while cotton should go free. Moreover, millions of pounds of raw cotton are used by the belligerents in the manufacture of gun-cotton to destroy those lives which are nourished by wheat.

If an attempt is made to establish the embargo, Congress is in for the warmest session in a good many years. Everybody now realizes that the Democrats dangled our war order prosperity before the public to catch votes, and, having succeeded in the election they now plan to betray the producers of foodstuffs.

If the negro is not good enough to vote he is not good enough to count in having the electoral vote.

Encourage your hens to do their whole duty to the suffering public and smash the egg trust.

## EASILY MADE GIFTS

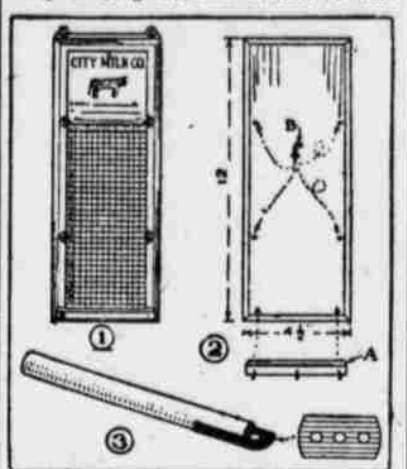
Articles That Boys Can Quickly Put Together.

Practical Christmas Presents Any Mother Will Appreciate, Coming From Son—Milk Card, Seam Ripper and Matchbox Holder.

By A. NEELY HALL.

His articles shown in the illustrations will appeal most to my readers who prefer ideas for things quickly put together, perhaps, but even the boy who likes more complicated problems will enjoy making these practical articles for the home.

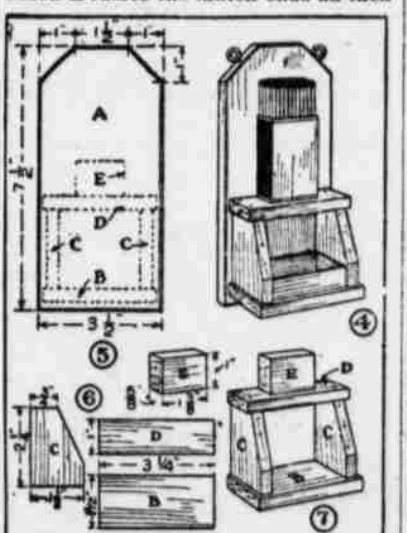
The milk-card board in Fig. 1 is provided with screweyes to hang upon hooks outside of the door at which the morning milk is delivered. Fig. 2 shows a pattern for the board, but because milk cards vary in size you had better measure the card for which the board is to be used, to see that it fits, before you begin work. The margin around the card should be about as in Fig. 1. Bevel the edges of the board as shown. Then prepare the strip A (Fig. 2), and fasten it with



brads along the lower edge of the board for the card to rest upon. Give the board two coats of shellac, varnish, or paint; then when it is dry, screw four hooks into it at the points indicated (B, Fig. 2), to hold the edges of the card, and a pair of screweyes into the top edge, for hangers.

Mother would appreciate the seam ripper shown in Fig. 3. All that you need is a safety-razor blade, and a short stick whittled round for a handle. Slot one end of the handle, slip the blade into the slot, and fasten with small nails driven into the handle and through a pair of the holes in the blade. Varnish the handle, and the little tool will be completed.

Fig. 4 shows a handy holder for safety matches. The cover of the safety-match box sets down over the block E (Fig. 7), to hold the matches and provide the match scratcher. Block E raises the match ends an inch



above the cover. The safety-match box stands on shelf H, between ends C, (Fig. 7), for a burnt-match receptacle.

The match-box holder may be built up of cigar-box strips or wood one-quarter or three-eighths-inch thick. Fig. 5 shows a pattern for the back board A, and Fig. 6 shows the patterns for the other parts. Fasten block E to shelf D, in the center of its length, and about one-sixteenth of an inch inside of the back edge; then nail B and D to the ends of pieces C (Fig. 7), so their back edges are in a line with one another. Screw a pair of screweyes into the top of back board A, for hangers.

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Wise Willie.

After five-year-old Willie had gone to bed on Christmas eve his mother went into the room to see if he had hung up his stocking properly for Santa Claus. Much to her surprise she found that the little fellow had appropriated one of her keys for the occasion and had attached a slip of paper on which he had printed in a bold hand one of his Sunday-school texts: "THE LORD JUVENILE A CHEERFUL GIVER."

His Portion.

Bill—Do you expect your landlady to give you anything for Christmas?  
Jill—Sure.  
"What do you expect it to be?"  
"Oh, the neck, I reckon."

Lesson One.

"Do you know how to run an automobile?"  
"Certainly," replied Mr. Chuggins.  
"What's the first thing a man who has bought a machine ought to do?"  
"Begin work on a set of New Year resolutions relating to economy, temperance and all the other meritorious forms of self-restraint."

Why not try a Ledger Want Ad?

DON'T STAY AWAY ON THAT HUNTING TRIP FOR A FEW MONTHS BUT COME BACK SOON LIKE MY FIRST HUSBAND DID—HE STARTED ON A LONG HUNTING TRIP TOO, BUT RETURNED UNEXPECTEDLY WITHIN A WEEK!



BUT THIS IS HOW HE DID IT



## CHURCH PROFITS BY BET

New York, December 17 — Many queer things are blamed to the national election. At Bloomfield, N. J., Joseph Harwinkle is paying a bet lost by putting \$1 in the collection plate at a church every Sunday, while Thomas D. Guinne, who won his wager on William, looks on. The Park Methodist Church is the beneficiary. Harwinkle will keep it up for a year, until \$52 is paid.

A national bank at Parkersburg, W. Va., which has closed its doors, announced that its failure was due to the falsification of its cashier, who had bet heavily on Hughes' election in Pittsburg and who disappeared when the final result of the election became known. The bank was the Williams-National and the cashier was George W. Hunter. Directors made the statement.

A saloonkeeper at Snyder, Neb., saw the handwriting on the wall and bet that the State would go dry. He is W. A. Schoeneck, and Fritz Klinton, a farmer, who thought the wet would win, will supply him with five pounds of butter, five dozen eggs and a bushel of potatoes every week for a year. In view of the high cost of living, the saloonkeeper figures that he will lose nothing as a result of local military operations.

## GENERAL OPPOSES ARMISTICE DURING RACE CONFERENCE

London, December 17—Telegraphing from Copenhagen the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company quotes the Frankfurter Zeitung as saying: "Germany does not want a cessation of fighting, but merely a conference at which all the belligerents shall openly state their peace proposals. The conference will be held at The Hague about January 15. While the conference is in session all the belligerents will be allowed to continue military operations."

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The following prices for Ford cars will be effective on and after August 1st, 1916:

Chassis	\$325.00
Runabout	345.00
Touring Car	360.00
Coupelet	505.00
Town Car	595.00
Sedan	645.00

f. o. b. Detroit

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